

Timber sale draws protests, approval

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A proposed timber sale of 2,000 acres of U.S. Forest Service land on the north slope of the Uintas has raised the ire of Utah Wilderness Association members, but lumbermen are promoting the sale.

Wasatch-Cache National Forest Service personnel say they have completed an environmental impact statement outlining seven different proposals for the area known as Bullock's Park, but no decision has yet been made concerning which proposal will be adopted.

Bullock's Park lies in Utah, but is accessible from the Wyoming side. It lies directly adjacent to the High Uintas Primitive Area.

Dick Carter, coordinator of the

Utah Wilderness Association, claims the sale has no purpose but timber harvesting.

"The Wasatch forest returns only 30 cents on every \$1 of wood harvested," he charged.

"Why are there so many sales in roadless areas?" he asked. He claims the sale will conflict with the wilderness. He said the area is a critical elk calving area, and the west part is key for moose. There are also concerns about other species in the area, such as pine martins and wolverines.

Carter believes Bullocks Park, which lies at an elevation from 8,000 to 10,000 feet, should be considered for wilderness in the future, since it is a roadless area that has no campgrounds and

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Dick Carter (right), coordinator of the Utah Wilderness Association, displays the proposed sale of 2,000 acres of timberland on a map near the site.

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cannot be accessed by vehicles at present.

Dan South, partner in South and Jones Lumber Company in Almy, Wyo., near Evanston, concedes he has a vested interest in the timber sale.

A fourth generation lumberman, South said this sale will be only the second sale on the north slope since RARE-1 (Roadless Area Reevaluation) and RARE-2. The first sale involved 700 acres, he said.

South noted that the studies and public hearings took a long time, and with the Utah Wilderness act in place, a wilderness line was established.

"The area outside the wilderness was open for further development," he asserted, claiming that the Wilderness Association had agreed to that idea, and a deal was struck that there would be no buffer between the wilderness and the timber area.

"A deal's a deal," he declared.

South pointed out that the pine beetle, which has devastated large areas of the forest, attacks only older, mature trees.

"That's what the bugs like to eat."

He said the insects have killed a billion board feet of lumber, "enough to build 160,000 homes."

"A billion board feet is a 100-year supply of timber for South and Jones."

"The sale area is ripe for the bugs," he said, claiming that the Forest Service people know how to manage the forest so that "millions of board feet are not wasted."

"They are thinking of burning the area. Would that be better than harvesting the trees and putting 40 people to work?" he asked.

Carter denies that any deal was struck concerning the area next to the wilderness.

"We have said consistently that this is not where it ended, and the wilderness law also says this is not where it ended. We believe this area should be considered for future wilderness," he declared.

He emphasized that the area is only marginally susceptible to beetle damage, since the high hazard areas are lower.

"We are not faced with an epidemic on the high side."

He said the Wilderness Association has filed four appeals in the past 10 years.

"We withdrew our appeal on the Ashley, and let it go ahead. We made an agreement on Gilbert Creek and did not appeal, but this sale raised our ire. These

sales aren't producing multiple use; this one will produce board feet only."

Carter said an appeal will be submitted unless the Forest Service maintains the roadless area.

He criticized the Forest Service for "still not telling the public where the wilderness area is, three years after the Wilderness Act, so that conflicts can be discussed."

Wayne Anderson, Forest Service supervisor of the proposed sale, said the alternatives are as follows:

- A. No action.

- B. Cutting 295 acres clearcut and 17 partial cut to harvest 3.6 million board feet. The units to be cut would be spread out. This is the most economical sale. The partial cuts would be for visual effect near the road. The harvest would cover five years.

- C. Emphasizes maintaining the dispersed recreation area, with 253 acres clearcut and 17 partial cut to harvest 2.8 million board feet. The harvest would take three years.

- D. This would achieve the maximum volume with 516 acres clearcut and 177 partial cut to harvest 6 million board feet. This harvest would take one year.

- E. This alternative would provide the maximum protection for big game, with 229 acres clearcut and 17 partial cut to harvest 2.8 million board feet.

- F. This alternative offers protection of big game and dispersed recreation, with 191 acres clearcut and 17 partial cut for 2.1 million board feet.

- G. Harvesting only adjacent to the roads of 122 acres clearcut and 17 acres partial cut to gain 1.3 million acre feet.

Anderson indicated that access is one of the key issues.

"One thing concerns us. Do we want to cross the riparian area?" he noted.

Pointing out that the Forest Service is trying to satisfy many interests, Anderson said the timber industry is concerned about wood products to support the economic base.

"Other groups are concerned about dispersed recreation, not established campgrounds. Others are concerned with maintaining roadless areas."

Carter claims once the roads are cut into the roadless areas, they will be used by off road vehicles, even though the Forest Service attempts to cut them off.

"It costs to build the road and then they spend money to maintain or close them."

He said the Wilderness Association favors only Alternative G.

bers of the Senate would be chosen, they had already agreed that members of the House would be elected directly by the people in frequent elections.

They also envisioned a Senate that would be smaller than the House and whose members would be selected for short terms. The delegates believed that under that arrangement the Senate would provide stability and continuity in the legislature, while the House would be more immediately accountable to the people.

and how it had been disposed of ... This end would be best attained if money affairs were to be confined to the immediate representative of the people," Franklin said.

Ultimately, the delegates compromised: The House would be given exclusive authority to initiate only tax bills.

Even so, that choice reflected a wish held by the framers for democratic and prudent use of their monies by the branch of government closest to "We the People."

Jensen, Rasmussen vows

Kristie Elizabeth Jensen, daughter of Doug and Karen Jensen of Salt Lake City, will marry Robert DeVere Rasmussen, son of Richard and Barbara Rasmussen of Provo on Thursday in the Salt Lake Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

A reception will honor the couple that evening from 7-9 p.m. at the Colonial House in Salt Lake City. The event is open to all friends and relatives.

Bridal attendants are Michelle Jensen, Jeanette Baumeister, Kim Tashima, Christine Jensen and Robin Rasmussen.

Best man is Don Merrell, with Bobby Thomas, Randy and Tom Rasmussen, and Scott and Greg Jensen attending.

The bride-elect graduated from San Marcos High in Santa Barbara, Calif. and BYU. She served an LDS mission in the Denmark, Copenhagen mission. She teaches first grade for Provo School District.

Her fiancé graduated from Provo High. He served an LDS mission in the Canada, Calgary mission. He is



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